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Railtown 1897 Announces “Working on the Railroad – A Celebration of Sierra Railway Workers” on September 20

Historic Park Calls Out for Stories & Photos to Showcase at Reunion

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) is planning a festive and fun community celebration on Saturday, September 20, 2014, to recognize and honor the hundreds of current and former Sierra Railway, Sierra Railroad and Railtown 1897 SHP workers, their descendants and family members. The celebration will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include special photographs, temporary exhibits throughout the Park, guest speakers, live music by the Black Irish Band, and much more.

Designed to celebrate all the workers who built, maintained and operated the railroad, the special event will include a behind-the-scenes tour of the Historic Shops, Roundhouse, Warehouse and other areas with a focus on sharing information and interpretation about the workers who practiced their trades, their job duties and who they were as individuals and community members. The special event will also include a “Memory Wall” in the Carriage Room where Park visitors will be invited to post stories and photographs of past railroad workers that will become part of the permanent Park collection.

Tickets to “Working on the Railroad: A Celebration of Sierra Railway Workers” event are free with regular Park admission: \$5 for adults; \$3 for youths ages 6-17; and free for children ages 5 and under. In addition, steam train rides behind the “Movie Star Locomotive” Sierra No. 3 are available hourly that day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and cost \$15 for adults; \$8 for youths ages 6-17; and are free for children ages 5 and under (train ride tickets include Park admission).

For more information about the “Working on the Railroad” reunion event or to share family stories or photos, please contact Karen Kling at 209-984-8703 or karen.kling@parks.ca.gov. For more information about Railtown 1897 SHP in general, please call 209-984-3953 or visit www.railtown1897.org.

About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers year-round tours plus train rides on weekends April-October and on Wednesdays July 2 through August 27, 2014 (with special trains on select dates in November-December). Known as “The Movie Railroad,” the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. Railtown 1897 State Historic Park is open daily (except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day) and the Park’s operating hours vary by season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at www.railtown1897.org

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